(ബി) ഉണ്ടു്.

(സി) നിർദ്ദേശപ്രകാരമുള്ള പണികളുടെ ലിസ്റ്റു് * മേശപ്പുറത്തു വെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

MARKET PRICE OF PADDY AT ERNAKULAM—PUBLICATION OF

363. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the price of paddy given in the Gazette, dated 15th Vrischigam 1116, as prevailing in the Ernakulam market;

(*b*) why price of paddy is not given per the Sirkar para instead of per bag;

(*c*) what is the contents of a bag;

(*d*) has price ever been given in the Gazette before, per bag?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) The price of paddy given in the Gazette dated 15th Vrischigam 1116 (30th November 1940) in the Ernakulam market is Rs. 5 and Rs. 5—11—0 per bag.

(*b*) Generally price is given for Sirkar para as is furnished by the Village officers; but in this special case it was noted per bag instead of per para.

(*c*) Generally the contents of a bag is 6 paras.

(*d*) Generally it is given for para.

BLACK-HOLE MYTH—EXCLUSION FROM TEXT BOOKS

364. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted in one of the Madras dailies dated 18th January 1941 that the Bengal Government has banned the publication of the "Black-hole Myth" from the text books on the History of India used in the Educational Institutions of Bengal;

(*b*) if so, will they be pleased to order to remove the "Black-hole Myth" from the Indian History Books taught in our Educational Institutions?

*Appendix.

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) There was mention in the "Hindu" dated 18th January 1941 (5th Makaram 1116) of a Gazette notification of the Government of Bengal that no mention about the alleged Black-hole Tragedy as a historical fact should be made in the text-books and prize books to be used in the Educational Institutions of Bengal.

(*b*) The matter will be considered.

ERNAKULAM AND TRICHUR TREASURIES—BALANCE ON 15th CHINGAM

365. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government kindly give the figures of cash balances at the Ernakulam and Trichur Treasuries on the fifteenth day of Chingam, for the years 1114, 1115 and 1116?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* The figures are given below.—

	Ernakulam Rs.	*Trichur* Rs.
*15—1—1114	4,55,419 –13— 5	2,23,687— 0—8
*15—1—1115	1,01,341— 6— 7	1,35,770— 9—4
15—1—1116	3,10,423—12—10	2,12,505—13—9

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Sir, I find from the figures given that there will be on an average 5 lakhs of rupees by way of balance in these two treasuries. Is it not the same figure of 5 lakhs that the Government have allowed the Central Bank to keep without interest?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes, that is the position.

FOREST DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS IN

366. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many were thrown out from the Forest Department since the publication of the waiting list;

**N. B.*—They are holidays. The figures are those of the previous closing days.

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